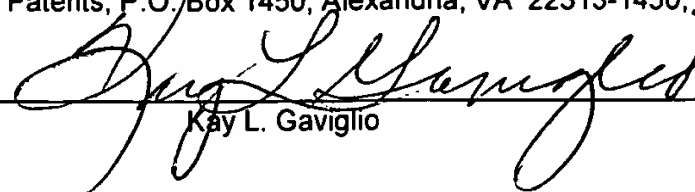


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 26, 2007, for which a response was due on September 26, 2007. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 26, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.